

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:                              | : | Confirmation No. <b>7217</b>    |
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| <b>Fernando Carlos Pereira, et al.</b>             | : | Attorney Ref.: <b>2000-0102</b> |
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**RESPONSE**

**MAIL STOP: RCE**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action, dated November 2, 2005 and the Advisory Action, dated January 23, 2006, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks, the time for responding having been extended through March 2, 2006 by submission of a one-month extension fee. Applicants are further submitting a RCE with this amendment to re-open prosecution of this application.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.